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FOR: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF** )  
**RACEMIC 2-{2-(4-HYDROXYPHENYL)-** )  
**ETHYL] THIO}-3-[4-(2-{4-** )  
**(METHYLSULFONYL)OXY]PHENOXY}E** )  
**THYL)PHENYL]-PROPANOIC ACID** ) Date: **May 5, 2008**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**  
**ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is being filed for the purpose of formally citing a Japanese reference that was cited in the International Search Report but inadvertently not formally cited herein. The attached form PTO-1449 also cites a US patent that is identified in the International Search Report as being a "Patent Family Member" of the Japanese reference.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants request the Examiner consider this Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in this Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced Application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe a fee is due for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

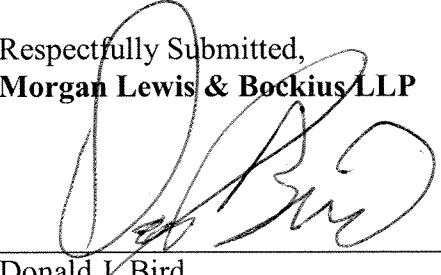
With the exception of a U.S. Patent, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

constitute "prior art." Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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